

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on January 24, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 86, 1/11/2017; SR 5, 1/20/2017
Executive Action: SB 12, Do Pass As Amended; SB 1, Tabled

00:00:44 Chair Ankney
00:00:59 Vice Chair Connell assumed the role as chairman.

HEARING ON SR 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:05 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SR 5, Confirm Governor's appointee to NW Power Planning Council.

00:03:21 Tim Baker, Governor's appointee
00:03:22 Sen. Blasdel entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:36 Mark Hayden, general manager, Missoula Electric Cooperative
00:11:12 Rex Griffin, president, Western Montana Electric Generating & Transmission Cooperative
00:15:15 Mark Baker, self
00:16:41 Alan Olson, self
00:17:35 David Hoffman, self
00:19:07 Todd O'Hair, Cloud Peak Energy, Inc.
00:21:24 Gary Forrester, self
00:22:25 Ken Morrison, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:07 Chair Ankney
00:23:49 Sen. Regier
00:23:55 Chair Ankney
00:24:05 Sen. Barrett
00:24:15 Mr. Hoffman
00:24:29 Chair Ankney
00:38:25 Mr. Baker
00:38:31 Sen. Regier
00:49:34 Mr. Baker
00:50:05 Chair Connell
00:51:35 Dave Wheelihan, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association
00:51:42 Chair Connell
00:53:16 Mr. Baker
00:53:23 Sen. Barrett
00:53:48 Mr. Baker, self
00:55:38 Sen. Malek
00:56:51 Mr. Baker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:11 Sen. Ankney
00:57:36 Sen. Barrett
00:57:39 Chair Connell
00:58:42 Chair Ankney resumed the duties as the chair.

HEARING ON SB 86

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:47 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 86, Reinstate the enhanced recovery tax incentive for oil.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:15 Alan Olson, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association
01:08:48 Mark Baker, attorney, Denbury Resources
01:11:24 John Metropoulos, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

01:11:30 Chair Ankney left the hearing.
01:11:50 Vice Chair Connell assumed the role as the chairman.
01:12:53 Mike Kadas, director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

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01:14:56 Sen. Blasdel left the hearing.
01:17:22 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Council
01:18:41 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center

Informational Testimony: None

01:19:38 Chair Ankney resumed the duties as the chair.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:40 Sen. McNally
01:20:13 Mr. Kadas, DOR
01:20:21 Sen. McNally
01:20:41 Sen. Richmond
01:22:46 Sen. Barrett
01:24:37 Sen. Richmond
01:25:08 Sen. Malek
01:28:51 Sen. Richmond
01:30:39 Sen. Connell
01:31:06 Sen. Malek left the hearing.
01:31:15 Sen. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:42 Sen. Richmond

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 12

01:31:59 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **SB 12 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:32:01 Sen. Connell

[EXHIBIT](#)(ens17a02)

01:32:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Connell moved that **SB 12 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. McNally, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Wolken voted by proxy. Sen. Malek was excused.

01:33:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Connell moved that **SB 12 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 12-0 by roll call vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Wolken voted by proxy. Sen. Malek was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 1

01:36:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Connell moved that **SB 1 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 12-0 by roll call vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Wolken voted by proxy. Sen. Malek was excused.

01:37:26 Sen. Barrett
01:37:47 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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